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Re: Open records Request

Dear Mackenzie,

This is our preliminary response to your open records request, received by the Secretary of State on February 25, 2019, for:

"Any and all documents, communications, memorandum, and reports concerning voter ID requirements in relation to people who identify as transgender."

We did an initial search and found no recent responsive public records and none of the elections staff could recall the issue being discussed or analyzed. This is probably because at the polling place, the only information on the voter's identification checked are (1) whether the name matches the poll book and (2) if the picture appears to match the person. Address, date of birth, gender and other information are not checked to establish the voter's identification. If there are issues with the name or picture, the voter casts a provisional ballot.

We will draft a search plan to look through older communications and files but before we begin an in-depth search, we will provide you the cost estimate.

Feel free to e-mail me at any time with questions.

Thank You for Your Interest

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